



Cook County JTDC Advisory Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019 12:00pm-1:30pm

69 West Washington, 22nd Floor, Conference Room C

Participants: Esther Franco Payne, Dr. Dakeda Horton, Garien Gatewood,
Marjorie B. Moss, Meade Palidofsky, Savannah Felix, DED Steward (by phone)

I. Welcome and Overview

II. Review Minutes

III. Conversation with JTDC DED William Steward

a. Role

- i. As Deputy Executive Director of Resident Daily Life, he is responsible for everything to do with residents from policy to compliance.

b. Disciplinary Processes at the JTDC

- i. The first step to the disciplinary process is talking with the youth. That accelerates to separation from the group, passive force, then hands on. Hands on is the first step only in cases where there is active fighting.

c. Disciplinary Changes at the JTDC

- i. They changed their approach to the level system. Young people are able to move up levels weekly (Level 1, 2, 3, 4) and level decisions are made by groups of staff rather than individual staff. Of the ~180 youth at the JTDC, there are ~48 Level 4s and 19 Level 3s.
- ii. He reported a 25% reduction in confinements since the end of Earl Dunlap's term as Superintendent. He also reported a reduction in the longest period of confinement from 36 hours to 24 hours.

d. Collaboration Recommendations

- i. This is a good start to building a strong relationship.
- ii. He mentioned that the JTDC completes a yearly Master Report that includes information about confinement. This report used to be sent to advocates, but that may no longer be true. He recommended that we send a request to him to receive the master report. He also mentioned that he would be more than happy to present to a work group on the Master Plan in early October.

e. Youth Perspectives

- i. DED Steward reported that they have a Resident Advisory Board that meets with individuals to discuss their experiences. He stated that he would be open to a few of the JTDC AB members meeting with these youth.

IV. Working Group Check-Ins



- a. The "During" Group developed standardized questions for youth interviews.

V. Report Recommendations and Assignments

- a. Recommendations should be graded against a rubric or pinned to tangible goals, which are highlighted in the JTDC's strategic vision.

VI. New Business

- a. None

VII. Public Comments

- a. None

VIII. Adjourn

- a. The next JTDC Advisory Board meeting will be held on October 4, 2019 from 12:00pm-1:30pm.